

## **FLOOD MANAGEMENT**

Connecticut Department of Transportation  
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Attn: Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

Re: **Approval of Certification & Exemption Request  
FM-201504320**

State Project No. 116-133: Replacement of Bridge No.01018, Route 53 over Saugatuck River  
Redding, CT

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Inland Water Resources Division of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection has reviewed the flood management certification application and exemption request prepared by Emma Lane of Close, Jensen & Miller, P.C., and signed by Thomas J. Maziarz of the Department of Transportation ("Certifying Agency").

The certification and exemption request submitted on June 19, 2015 and revised with supplemental materials on August 25, 2015, states that the proposed activity has been designed in compliance with the requirements of Section 25-68d(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and Section 25-68h-1 through 25-68h-3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) with the exception of Section 25-68h-3(e)(1) of the RCSA.

Specifically, an exemption is requested from the provisions of Section 25-68h-3(e)(1) which requires that proposed culverts and bridges be designed for flood frequencies and underclearances as stipulated in the CTDOT Drainage Manual.

The project consists of the Replacement of Bridge No. 02135 which conveys Route 53 over the Saugatuck River in the Town of Redding, as shown on plans entitled, "*Environmental Permit Plans, Project No. 116-133, Replacement of Bridge No. 01018, Route 53 over Saugatuck River, Redding, CT,*" Signed by Antonio Di Camillo, and submitted with revised materials on August 25, 2015. The project is located within the 100-yr FEMA floodplain and floodway of Saugatuck River.

The agency has determined that, while the structure does not meet the ideal design, it is not possible to do so without significant cost and environmental impact. In addition, the agency has determined that the activity is in the public interest, will not injure persons or damage property in the area of such activity or critical activity, and complies with the provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Therefore, in accordance with CGS Section 25-68d(b) & (d), your request for approval of the above referenced certification and exemption request hereby is granted with the following conditions:

**Special Conditions:**

1. Between September 30 and May 31, the Department of Transportation shall not place fill, excavate material, or conduct any other construction activity in any watercourse unless activity is confined by a cofferdam or other device which isolates such activity from the watercourse, unless otherwise authorized in writing by DEEP.

**Operating Conditions:**

2. This approval shall expire ten years after issuance or if the construction of any structures or facilities authorized herein is not commenced within three years of issuance of this approval.
3. The Certifying Agency may not make any alterations, except de minimis alterations, to any structure, facility, or activity authorized by this certification unless the Certifying Agency applies for and receives a modification of this certification. A de minimis alteration means a change in the design or operation of the authorized permit that does not increase its adverse environmental or other regulatory impacts.
4. In constructing or maintaining any structure or facility or conducting any activity authorized herein, or in removing any such structure or facility, the Certifying Agency shall employ best management practices to control storm water discharges, to prevent erosion and sedimentation, and to otherwise prevent pollution of wetlands and other waters of the State. The Certifying Agency shall immediately inform the Commissioner of any adverse impact or hazard to the environment which occurs or is likely to occur as the direct result of the construction, maintenance, or conduct of structures, facilities, or activities authorized herein. Best Management Practices include, but are not limited, to practices identified in the *Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control* as revised, *2004 Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual*, Department of Transportation's *ConnDOT Drainage Manual* as revised, and the Department of Transportation Standard Specifications as revised.
5. All temporary structures, cofferdams, and fill shall not impede the movement of flood flows and shall be removed at the completion of their use. The design of such temporary structure, cofferdams and fill shall be based on the DOT Drainage Manual, where applicable. All temporary and permanent fill shall be clean and free of stumps, rubbish, hazardous and toxic material.
6. The Certifying Agency shall cause equipment and materials to be removed from the floodplain during periods when flood warnings have been issued or are anticipated by a responsible federal, state or local agency. It shall be the Certifying Agency's responsibility to obtain such warnings when flooding is anticipated.

This authorization is subject to and does not derogate any present or future property rights or other rights or powers of the State of Connecticut, conveys no property rights in real estate or material nor any exclusive privileges, and is further subject to any and all public and private rights and to any federal, state, or local laws or regulations pertinent to the property or activity affected thereby. No revisions or alterations to the approved plans are allowed without first obtaining written approval from this Division of such alterations.

If there are any questions, contact Colin Clark of the Inland Water Resources Division at 860-424-3214.

Sincerely,

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Date

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Michael Sullivan  
Deputy Commissioner

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cc: Emma Lane, Close, Jensen & Miller, P.C., 1137 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield